to maximise production of truck and bus tyres to ensure their adequate availability in the market.

Import of tyres under OGL

1454. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a, fact that Government are allowing the import of tyres of all the varieties under OGL or some varieties are restricted); if so, details thereof;

(b) what is the average price difference in common varieties of tyres, between international prices and local prices;

(c) what is the estimated outgo of foreign exchange on imports of tyres in the financial year 1988-89; and

(d) whether Government are considering to waive the customs duty on the plant and machinery for the manufacture of tyres so as to enable Indian manufacturers to bring down the production cost and thus be able to compete with the international market; if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government have recently taken a decision to allow the following categories of . consumers to import specified categories of bus and truck tyres on OGL at a reduced rate of duty:

(1) Original Equipment. Manufacturers.

(2) State Road Transport Undertakings.

(3) Association of State Road Transport Undertakings.

(4) Recognised State Level Association of bug and truck operators as may be approved by the Department of Industrial Development.

(5) Agencies of State Governments as may be approved by the Department of Industrial Development.

(b) As the prices of tyres vary depending the types and source of origin, it is not possible to indicate an average price difference in common varieties of tyres as between international and local prices.

(c) No import of bus and truck tyres has so far taken place. The outgo on foreign exchange will de pend on the volume of tyres that may be imported and the prices ruling at the time of import.

(d) Government have provided a number of incentives for encourag ing exports, including export of tyres.

विभिन्न राज्यों से नकली सीमेंट का पकड़ा जाना

1455. श्री शरद यादव : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1986-87 और 1987-88 के वर्षों के दौरान राजस्थान, उत्तर प्रदेश, मध्य प्रदेश और बिहार राज्यों में, मारे गये छापों के दौरान नकली सीमेंट की कितनी बोरियां पकड़ी गयीं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि उक्त राज्यों में नकली सीमेंट बेचा जा रहा है ;

(ग) नकली सीमेंट के उत्पादकों के विरुद्ध केन्द्रीय सरकार और राज्य सरकारों द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है और इस संबंध में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ;